

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the Application:

1. (Previously Amended) A run-flat tire, comprising:
 - (a) an outer tire,
 - (b) an inner support ring, disposed interiorly of the carcass and having a surface facing the interior surface of the tire, and
 - (c) a lubricant disposed between the facing surface and the interior of the tire, the lubricant comprising:
 - (1) a carrier fluid selected from the group consisting of water-soluble fluid, a water-miscible fluid and mixtures thereof;
 - (2) a thickener;
 - (3) a surfactant, andwherein the lubricant has an initial viscosity above 100,000 centipoises at 25° C and from 1 to 20 RPM as measured with a Brookfield viscometer, the lubricant undergoing temporary shear thinning and returning to substantially its starting viscosity after contact between an inner surface of an outer tire and a support ring of the run-flat tire.
2. (Original) The run-flat tire of claim 1 wherein the carrier fluid comprises a polyhydroxyl compound selected from the group consisting of diols, triols, tetrols, polyhydric alcohols, glycol ethers and mixtures thereof.
3. (Original) The run-flat tire of claim 2 wherein the carrier fluid is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycols, polypropylene glycols, polybutylene glycols, polyhexylene glycols, glycerin, sorbitol and mixtures thereof.

4. (Previously Amended) The run-flat tire of claim 2 wherein the carrier is present in amount ranging from about 10% to about 95%, by weight, based on the total weight of the lubricant.
5. (Previously Amended) The run-flat tire of claim 2 wherein the thickener is selected from the group consisting of a clay, kieselguhr earths, a cellulosic material, a pre-gelled cellulose, an associative-type thickener, a wax, fumed silica, pigments, polyisobutylene, an alkali earth metal soap, aluminum stearate, polyurea, polyethyleneterephthalate, polyethylenes, polycarbohydrates, polycarboxylates, polyacrylates, and mixtures thereof.
6. (Original) The run-flat tire of claim 5 wherein the thickener is a clay.
7. (Original) The run-flat tire of claim 6 wherein the clay is selected from the group consisting of bentonite clay, hectorite clay and mixtures thereof.
8. (Original) The run-flat tire of claim 5 wherein the thickener is present in an amount ranging from 0.5% to about 40%, by weight, based on the total weight of the lubricant.
9. (Original) The run-flat tire of claim 2 wherein the surfactant is a silicone surfactant.
10. (Original) The lubricant of claim 9 wherein the surfactant is an alkoxyated silicone.
11. (Original) The lubricant of claim 1 wherein:
 - (a) the carrier fluid is present in an amount ranging from about 10% to about 95%, by weight, based upon the total weight of the lubricant and is selected by the group consisting of polyethylene glycols, polypropylene glycols, polybutylene glycols, polyhexylene glycols, glycerin, sorbitol and mixtures thereof,
 - (b) the thickener is a clay selected from the group consisting of bentonite clay, hectorite clay, and mixtures thereof, the clay being present in an amount ranging from about 0.5% to about 40%, by weight, based upon the total weight of the lubricant, and

(c) the surfactant is an alkoxylated silicone surfactant.

12. (New) A run-flat tire, comprising:

(a) an outer tire,

(b) an inner support ring, disposed interiorly of the carcass and having a surface facing the interior surface of the tire, and

(c) a lubricant disposed between the facing surface and the interior of the tire, the lubricant comprising:

(1) a carrier fluid selected from the group consisting of water-soluble fluid, a water-miscible fluid, an oil-miscible fluid and mixtures thereof;

(2) a thickener;

(3) a surfactant, and

wherein the lubricant has an initial viscosity above 100,000 centipoises at 25° C and from 1 to 20 RPM as measured with a Brookfield viscometer, the lubricant undergoing temporary shear thinning and returning to substantially its starting viscosity after contact between an inner surface of an outer tire and a support ring of the run-flat tire.